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WHICH WAY WILL BONN ARMY SHOOT?

White Book Unmasks War Treaties

The new Wehrmacht being built in West Germany as a result of the Bonn Treaty was a direct threat to Britain and France, Professor Gerhart Eisler, Information Chief of the German Democratic Republic told 300 German and foreign journalists at a press conference in Berlin on September 12th.

The conference had been called to announce the publication of the "White Book on the Bonn War Treaty" by the East German Information Office.

On over 250 pages this White Book analysed the Bonn Treaty, or Contractual Agreement, signed at Bonn on May 26th 1952, and the European Army Treaty, signed in Paris one day later.

By means of quotations from the treaties, from official announcements by western politicians and extracts from western newpapers, the White Book, which is summarised on other pages of this special issue, showed that these treaties are the basis for a new war of aggression.

At the Berlin press conference Professor Eisler appealed to members of the West German Parliament not to ratify the treaties when they come before the parliament for second reading in about one month's time.

"If you ratify the Bonn Treaty, you are giving the western powers the right to occupy Germany until the year 2002 A. D.; you are giving them the right to interfere in every aspect of internal politics; you are giving them the right to turn Germany into a new Korea," Professor Eisler stated.

"The new Wehrmacht which will be set up under the treaty will be a direct threat to Britain and France, for no one can guarantee in which direction this new army will shoot.

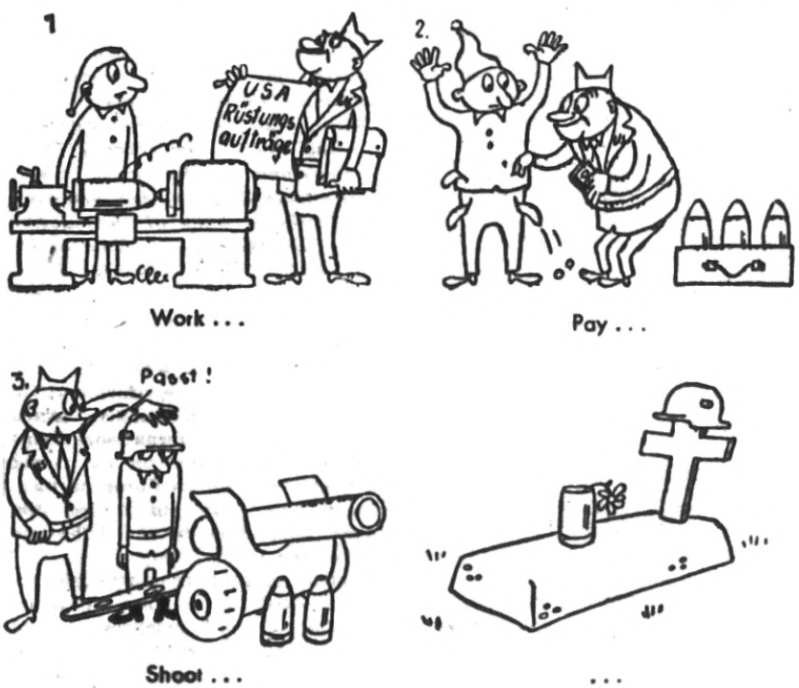
"The Americans and their newly armed West German allies would be able to drag the reluctant countries of western Europe into war."

UNITY TALKS SOON

The all-party delegation elected by the East German Parliament to travel to Bonn for unity talks with the West German Parliament will be received by Dr Herrmann Ehlers, Chairman of the Parliament, on September 22nd.

The delegation, made up of representatives of the Socialist Unity Party, the Christian Democratic Union, the Liberal Democratic, National Democratic and Democratic Peasant Parties, will be authorised to begin discussion on the creation of an investigating commission for all-German elections.

AMERICA'S PROGRAMME FOR WEST GERMANY



WHITE BOOK ON THE BONN TREATY

Introduction

May 26th 1952 will go down in German history as a black day. On this day Dr Adenauer, Chancellor of the Bonn Federal Republic, together with the Foreign Ministers of the United States, Great Britain and France, put his signature to the Bonn Treaty, known as "Agreement on the Relations between the German Federal Republic and the Three Powers."

One day later, on May 27th 1952, Adenauer signed in Paris the "European Defence Community", which serves neither Europe nor defence, but solely American imperialism. Washington had insisted on these treaties, Washington prepared them. With these treaties Washington intended and intends to force the states of western Europe into a war against the Soviet Union, the People's Democracies and the German Democratic Republic. For this purpose Washington re-erected the structure of German imperialism and militarism which was beaten in the Second World War, and put the people of West Germany on the road to ruin.

West Germany in the Fetters of the Bonn Treaty

In Article 2 of the Bonn Treaty, defining the so-called reservations, the western powers received the right "to station troops in Germany and to ensure their security."

According to Article 4 the western powers are the sole arbiters of where and in what quantities their troops shall be stationed. This is not all. Article 4, Paragraph 3 states that at the discretion of the western powers their mercenary troops and colonial troops from all parts of the world may be stationed in West Germany, to take part there in terrorising the population.

Anyone who reads Article 10 of the Bonn Pact carefully, the so-called "Revision Clause" will find that there is no intention of allowing West Germany to escape from the straight jacket of the Bonn Treaty and the associated treaties. According to this article every change in the Bonn Treaty needs the agreement of all three western powers, and is granted only to the degree "which they consider wise."

The meaning of this is made quite clear in this quotation from a British source:

"The intention of this is clear enough. The British and American Governments wish to suggest, without being too precise, that they will not allow West Germany to leave the European Defence Community."

("The Times", London, 28. 5. 52)

Dreams of Aggression

In Article 7, Paragraph 2 of the Bonn Treaty the western powers and Adenauer promised to cooperate to bring about their "mutual aims":

"A unified Germany enjoying a liberal-democratic constitution, like that of the Federal Republic, and integrated within the European Community."

The German imperialists and militarists, who have reconstructed their power in Adenauer's sphere with the help of the USA, are waiting impatiently for their come-back, for the re-erection of their rule in the German Democratic Republic, in the area where the basis of their power was taken away from them in accordance with the terms of the Potsdam Agreement.

They want to turn the German Democratic Republic too into an American protectorate, into a deployment and manoeuvre ground for the intervention troops of the western powers, in which "like the Federal Republic" the people will be subjected to the double yoke of home and foreign imperialists.

In accordance with their plans, to which they have openly confessed, the war mongers want to wreck the democratic reforms which have been carried through in the German Democratic Republic; to tear away the fields from the new farmers; to deliver up the nationally owned factories to the international arms monopolists; to conscript the young men into the western European mercenary army; and to subject the entire population to the jail-house rule of the Bonn Treaty.

On these pages GERMAN REPORT gives you a condensed summary of the contents of the White Book. An English Edition of this book is in active preparation, and we shall give, in an early issue, details of how you can get a copy. Some of the quotations on these pages have been re-translated from German.

Instead of the German people being allowed to re-unite Germany peacefully in an independent and peace-loving democratic state, the US imperialists and their Bonn marionettes wish to use Hitler's "Anschluss" method.

The West German "Aachener Nachrichten" declared on May 22nd 1952:

"The Chancellor's repeated declarations that only a complete integration of West Germany in the western defence system could provide the right basis for negotiations with Soviet Russia reminds one all too strongly of Hitler's method of unification with Austria, the Sudetenland and Danzig after he had rearmed Germany."

The war mongers round Adenauer declare quite openly that one should no longer speak of a "re-unification" of Germany but rather of "liberation" — that is to say, conquest.

This "liberation" would mean "freeing" the peasants from their land, and the "freeing" of the whole population from their democratic rights and achievements.

An article in Adenauer's paper, the "Rheinischer Merkur" on June 19th, which refers to the area east of the Elbe as "the unredeemed provinces" stated:

"It is clear that these unredeemed provinces can only be won back with the aid of the western powers."

German Unity

The reservations made in Article 2 of the Bonn Treaty, the subjects in which the western powers reserve the sole right to decision, include also:

"Germany as a whole, including the unification of Germany and a peace settlement."

The criminal and illegal character of this limitation was exposed by Professor Drost, expert on international law from Frankfurt University, West Germany, writing on June 17th 1952 in the "Stuttgarter Zeitung":

"In this treaty a situation created by the force of circumstances has, for the first time, been legally recognised by a German Government through its formal signature. By this act the basic and natural right of a nation to decide upon its own internal political order has been renounced, and recognition has been given to the alleged right of the allies to take decisions, in Germany, on this subject.

"For the period for which this treaty is valid, it excludes the possibility of the re-unification of Germany."

Re-establishment of German Militarism

The treaties of Bonn and Paris complete the re-birth of German militarism in West Germany. The

American, British and French occupiers regard German militarism as the most suitable tool for the criminal war which they plan, because of its particularly greedy and agressive character.

They regard German militarism as a tried partner in a military dictatorship in West Germany, and as a reliable assistant in suppressing the patriotic resistance of other peoples.

The mercenary army raised under the terms of the Paris Treaty will not be charged with the defence of its homeland or the achievements of its people. The mercenaries will be put into action anywhere where the imperialists have trouble in exploiting their own people, or suppressing the people of another nation. Paragraph 1 of Article 120 of the Paris Treaty promises that the mercenaries will be used in the European territories of the signatories, but if a number of formalities, over which the soldier himself has no control, are gone through, other decisions can be made on his fate.

The American-commanded European soldier can thus be sent to Africa, north of the tropic of Cancer. After some other formalities he can be sent, according to Paragraph 3 of Article 120, to Korea, Vietnam, Malaya or China.

According to Article 12 of the Paris Treaty he will be selected in the first place, however, to fight against the patriots in his own country, against his own brothers.

As mercenaries the soldiers of the "European Army" are the mobile civil war troops of the imperialists. This is true for all contingents. The members of the German contingent can be sent into action to suppress French or Italian patriots, and the French and Italian contingents may be used against the German fighters for freedom.

The Present Stage of Remilitarisation in West Germany

Officially there is no War Ministry and no General Staff in West Germany. In actual fact, however, all preparations have been made for re-establishing them, particularly under the cover of the so-called "Blank Office". On December 14th 1951 the budget committee of the Federal Parliament approved a special budget for this office, and subsequently two new departments, one for the air force and the other for the navy, were created.

Despite American plans the Bonn Treaty and the Paris Treaty did not get further than a first reading in the Federal Parliament up to the summer of 1952; in addition Law No. 16 of the Allied High Commission on "The Abolition of Militarism" has not yet been cancelled. These facts have not been able to stop a public remilitarisation programme on the part of the "Blank Office" and other official quarters.

It has been clear for a long time that a cadre troop at least 30,000 strong for the West German contigent of the American "European Army" exists in the framework of the heavily armed and militarised police formations. On the other hand no publicity has been given to the fact that about 180,000 Germans are serving in para-military and fully military units of the occupation powers. These German "Service Units" are organised by former Wehrmacht generals. In addition, according to a report in the West Berlin "Berliner Anzeiger" of July 8th 1952, the West German Ministry of the Interior is developing plans to raise a so-called "Voluntary Home Guard" which should be used "in case of need" to reinforce the "frontier troops" on the demarcation line.

Without Comment

Bonn, Tuesday: Green-uniformed German frontier police in the steel helmets of Hitler's army clicked heels and presented arms for Supreme Atlantic Commander General Matthew Ridgway in Bonn today.

The general, with a swarm of staff officers, was making his first official contact with the German Government and its plan for a 500,000-strong army, navy and air force.

Premier Adenauer was host at lunch in his Rhine-side palace. Helping him to give General Ridgway a "survey of current problems" were under-cover Defence Minister Theodor Blank and former Hitler Generals Adolf Heusinger and Hans Speidel.

"Our primary objective is to preserve peace" said General Ridgway as he left.

Daily Express, London, September 3rd 1952.

The Enslavement of West Germany

The intervention powers are entitled, under the Bonn Treaty, to declare a state of emergency, without any regard for the Bonn Constitution, without regard for German laws and without regard for any part of the West German administration.

Article 5 of the Bonn Treaty states in part:

"In case the Federal Republic and the European Defence Community are unable to deal with a situation which is created by an attack on the Federal Republic or Berlin, subversion of the liberal-democratic basic order, a serious disturbance of public order or a grave threat of any of these events ... the Three Powers may proclaim a state of emergency in the whole or any part of the Federal Republic."

These emergency clauses give the American-British-French interventionists in West Germany the "treaty" right to take over full governmental powers at any time and to use the most brutal methods of military dictatorship. The imperialist powers make the completely unbinding promise to "consult the Federal Government as far as possible" before or during the state of emergency, but this is nothing but camouflage.

Almost as worthless is the "right" of the Federal Government, laid down in the Bonn Treaty, to request the three powers to remove the state of emergency, and, if this is not done in 30 days, to ask the Council of the North Atlantic Pact Organisation to discuss whether the state of emergency should be ended. This procedure would obviously take so long that the aim of the imperialist western powers would have been reached in the meantime.

The Use of Armed Force

A further paragraph in the "State of Emergency" Article of the Bonn Treaty authorises every military commander

"if his forces are imminently menaced, to take such immediate action appropriate for their protection (including the use of armed force) as is requisite to remove the danger"

Translated into plain language this means that the occupation powers, acting completely arbitrarily, can declare a state of emergency when and where they like, or, without troubling to declare a state of emergency can take armed action against the West German population.

A general strike or an ordinary strike; a workers' demonstration; the struggle of West German patriots for a united Germany and a peace treaty; propaganda against war; or the imminent "danger" of a progressive democratic party victory in West Germany could all be used by the occupation powers as an excuse to declare a state of emergency.

With or without a state of emergency they would restore "law and order" as it is understood by the reactionaries of all countries, with the help of tanks and machine guns.

Supermen und Natives

The treaties signed by Dr Adenauer divide the persons living in West Germany into two categories:

the "members of the armed forces" of the imperialist powers, who are privileged in every respect; and the ordinary civilian population of the Federal Republic who are completely unprivileged.

The privileged "members of the armed forces" include, according to Article 1, Number 7, Paragraph b of the Bonn Treaty, apart from ordinary military personnel, also:

"Spouses and children ... or near relatives who are supported by such persons."

In practically all aspects of daily life the wives, children and mothers-in-law who are reckoned as "members of the armed forces" have very considerable privileges compared with the ordinary natives of the Federal Republic. They have their own courts of law, they cannot be arrested by the German authorities if they produce their identity cards; they can enter and leave the Republic without regard to the German passport and currency laws; in regard to their motor vehicles they are not subject to the normal German technical laws for road safety.

They can import all goods freely to Germany without passing through German customs inspection; members of the intervention forces can carry out certain police duties in public places; the military authorities and the members of the armed forces are entitled to preferential treatment with regard to dwelling accomodation, road traffic and telecommunications.

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Who Said This?

"Our duty is to make the world safe for a least 50 years by German disarmament, by preventing rearmament, by supervision of German factories, by forbidding all aviation, and by territorial changes of a far-reaching character."

"It all comes back to the question whether Great Britain, the United States and the Soviet Union can keep a close friendship and supervise Germany in their mutual interest."

Winston Churchill to Joseph Stalin at the Teheran Conference in 1943. Quoted from "The Second World War, Vol. V: Closing the Ring" by Winston Churchill. Published by Cassell.

The Bonn Treaty goes into detail about hunting and fishing privileges. Article 46 states:

"The Federal Republic shall take steps ... to grant and, have granted to the members of the Forces special hunting and fishing privileges, ... and shall encourage invitations to the members of the Forces on the part of owners of private preserves."

Open Re-armament in West-Germany

Economic paragraphs are strewn throughout the treaties, but the most definite pointers to the economic re-armament of West Germany are to be found in the economic section of the Paris Military Treaty.

Articles 101 and 102 of this treaty lay down that the so-called Commissariat of the European Army will prepare the programme for armament, equipment and supply, and thereby "use in the best possible fashion the technical and economic potentialities of all member states". In other words the industry of the member states, and particularly German industry, shall be put at the disposal of the American re-armanent programme.

All branches of West German industry which take part in armaments production have shown great expansion since 1950. If 1950 figures are taken as 100, production in June 1952 was as follows:

Oil Production: 158.4
Iron and steel: 130.4
Engineering: 162.8
Vehicles: 173.1

At the same time peace industry has been throttled down, and similar statistics to those above show:

All consumer goods: 101.5
Leather goods: 89.2
Textiles: 88.3.

The High Cost of Arms

The Financial Agreement reached by the West German Government fixed "defence costs" at 850 million marks monthly, that is to say 10,200 million marks annually.

Last year occupation costs amounted to about 7,700 million marks, so the "advantage" of the Bonn Treaty compared to the Occupation Statute is that West Germans must pay about 40 percent more. For the sum which will be squeezed out of the West German population to pay for American-ordered re-armament, the wages of all workers in West German industry could have been raised by 70 percent.

These contributions have found their expression in rising prices. Here are prices in May 1952 compared to those in 1950 which are taken as 100:

Bread: 130
Flour: 145
Oats: 137
Potatoes: 150
Carrots: 225
Beef: 134

At the same time shares on the stock markets have taken great leaps upwards. Taking 1949 share prices as 100, the average in the first five months of 1952 was:

Over-all average: 328
Basic raw materials: 536
Steel industry: 277

Politicians, Statesmen and Clergy Oppose War Policy

The White Book ends with a sketch of the forces in West Germany which are united in opposing the Bonn Treaty and all that it entails. Inspiring details are given of the way in which leading members of nearly all political parties, and prominent Christian personalities are joining together with farmers and workers to oppose the treaties and the war which they threaten to bring. The book concludes with these words:

"If Germany and Europe wish to live, if peace is to be preserved, then the Bonn Treaty must be swept away."

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